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1) Medical Women's International Association

Special consultative status granted in 1987

Part I

The Medical Women's International Association (MWIA) is a non-political, non-sectarian, non-profit association representing women doctors from all five continents. The aims of MWIA are:

1. To offer medical women the opportunity to meet so as to confer upon questions concerning the health and well-being of humanity.
2. To promote the general interest of medical women by developing cooperation, friendship and understanding without regard to race, religion or political views.
3. To overcome gender-related differences in health and healthcare between women and men, girls and boys throughout the world.
4. To overcome gender related inequalities in the medical profession.
5. To promote HEALTH FOR ALL throughout the world with particular interest in WOMEN; HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

During the quadrennial period under review (1999-2002) 2 new national associations and 7 individual members joined MWIA. The Association's membership as per today (Jan. 2005) comprises 46 national associations and 72 Individual Members in 42 countries. The total number of members in 88 countries is approximately 20,000.

The MWIA Headquarter was moved from its former location in Cologne to its present office in Dortmund in May 2001. The MWIA Statutes-and By-Laws were amended during the international congress in Sydney, in April 2001.

Part II

MWIA participated regularly in conferences and meetings of ECOSOC and the U.N. and its subsidiary bodies. Of special interest to MWIA were the UN General Assembly - Special Session on HIV/ AIDS (UNGASS) (2002), UN Special Session on Children, New York (2002), meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women, the WHO General Assemblies and Regional Meetings, and CIOMS (Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences). The main meetings attended were:

UN

- 43rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), March 1999 New York, USA
- 52nd Annual DPI/ NGO Conference, September 1999, New York, USA
- 44th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), February- March 2000, New York, USA
- PrepCom - Beijing + 5, March 2000 New York, USA
- General Assembly, Beijing+ 5, June 2000, New York, USA
- UN General Assembly- Special Session on HIV/ AIDS (UNGASS), New York, USA 25 - 27 June 2001
- 46th Session of the Status of Women, New York; USA, 4 - 15 March, 2002

- UN Special Session on Children, New York, USA, 8 - 10 May, 2002
- 55th annual Conference of NGO and DPI, UN Headquarter in New York, USA, 9 - 11 September, 2002

MWIA has permanent representatives in New York, and Geneva who regularly attend meetings at the U.N. headquarters (e.g. UNICEF).

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION

During the period 1999-2002, MWIA was represented at 20 meetings of WHO: General Assemblies (4); Executive Board (1); Regional Meetings in Africa (1); South East Asia (4); Europe (3); Western Pacific (3) and America (PAHO) (4). MWIA was also represented at the following international meetings:

- Global Symposium on Violence and Health, Kobe, Japan October 1999,
- 5th Global Conference on Health Promotion (5GCHP), Mexico City, June 2000,
- XVI FIGO World Congress, Washington D.C., USA, September 2000 - *The MWIA Immediate Past President attended and moderated a session at the FIGO conference"*
- Global Forum for Health Research, The 10/90 gap in health research: assessing the progress WHO, Geneva, Switzerland, 9 - 12 October 2001
- 2nd Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body, Int. Conference Center of Geneva, Switzerland, 22 - 28 November 2001
- 3rd Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body on the framework convention on tobacco control, Geneva, Switzerland, 22 - 28 November 2001
- International Conference on illicit tobacco trade, New York, USA, 30 July - 1 August, 2002
- 50th Session WHO, Intergovernmental Negotiating Body, Geneva, Switzerland, 14 - 25 October, 2002

Presentations and Statements

MWIA presented 10 written (or oral) statements/ documents and resolutions at various important meetings. The meeting, venue and short reference to the subjects of the statements/documents are listed as follows:

1. Statement presented at the 43rd session of the Committee of the Status of Women, New York, March 1999, *"Women's Health"*
2. Statement presented at the 52nd WHO General Assembly, Geneva, Switzerland, May 1999
3. Statement presented at the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, WHO, Geneva, Switzerland, March 2000, *"Tobacco"*
4. Statement presented at the 53rd WHO General Assembly, Geneva, Switzerland, May 2000, *"Infant and Young Child Nutrition"*
5. Statement made at the 51st WHO Meeting for the Western Pacific Region, Manila, Philippines, September 2000, *"Women's Health & HIV/AIDS"*
6. Statement presented at the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, WHO, Geneva, Switzerland, October 2000, *"Tobacco"*
7. 26 Resolutions and 3 Joint Position Statements were presented to and passed by the General Assembly at the 25th International Congress of the Medical Women's International Association, Sydney, Australia, April 2001:

The Resolutions and Position Statements on "Women, Girls and HIV/ AIDS", "Maternal Health" and "The Situation of Women in Afghanistan", which were passed at the MWIA Congress 2001, have been widely disseminated to various international organisations including U.N., WHO, and WMA.

8. Statements made at the 54th WHO Regional Committee for South East Asia, Yangon, Myanmar, September 2001, *"Tobacco" and "Health"*

9. Statement made at the 52nd WHO Regional Committee for Western Pacific, Brunei, Darussalam, September 2001, *"Gender Equity and Equality"*

10. Statement made at the 52nd WHO Regional Committee for Europe, Copenhagen, Denmark, September 2002, *"HIV/ AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria"*

Co-operation with UN programmes, bodies and specialized agencies (1999-2002)

Supported by the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), the Rockefeller Foundation and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), MWIA produced a "Training Manual on Gender Mainstreaming in Health" in 2002. The Manual is aimed at training physicians in the concepts of how to add a gender perspective to health and health care. Workshops on Gender Mainstreaming in Health incl. train-the-trainer workshops were held at MWIA regional meetings and congresses as well as conducted by the national associations.

Many affiliated national associations have activities and projects at local, national and international level. Some examples of co-operation with the U.N. and/ or subsidiary bodies are:

UNICEF -

Egyptian Medical Women's Association organized a project in co-operation with UNICEF on Breastfeeding-friendly private hospitals (ongoing project) and carried through a situation analysis of girls in custody homes at risk of STDs. (ongoing project).

Project against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

UNICEF -

In conjunction with UNICEF the Indian Medical Women's Association tried to raise awareness & further education of reproductive health amongst teenagers.

UNICEF/ WHO -

The Indian Medical Women's Association has been involved in health service activities comprising population control, vaccination programs and cancer screening.

UNICEF -

The Italian Medical Women's Association in conjunction with UNICEF has promoted health of the Mediterranean women (ongoing project).

UNFPA -

The Medical Women's Association in Uganda formed a coalition against Gender Based Violence.

MWIA Publications

A triennial Congress Report is published within 12 months after each MWIA International Congress. This report contains detailed information on activities of the National Associations, International and U.N. representation, resolutions passed at the Congress etc. Information from U.N./ WHO press releases and from U.N. publications, and reports from MWIA participants at U.N./ WHO and other international meetings are published in the MWIA newsletter "UPDATE". The MWIA UPDATE is published four times a year and is widely distributed to all national associations and members in the 88 countries where MWIA is represented, and also sent to international organisations, such as UN, WHO.

In 2002 MWIA published a *Training Manual on Gender Mainstreaming in Health.*

Subscriptions

MWIA subscribes annually to the following associations: NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Special Committee of International NGOs on Human Rights, European Women's Lobby, Conference of NGOs, NGO Committee on UNICEF, CIOMS.

2) Sociologists for Women in Society

Special consultative status granted in 1999

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) received consultative status with ECOSOC in 1999. Although many of our representatives have a great deal of experience within the UN system, as an organization we are new to the UN system. Hence, the past four years have been a time of establishing links with UN bodies and agencies, networking within the NGO community and CONGO, and planning sessions on our UN work at the annual meetings of SWS. As the report indicates, SWS has maintained an active presence and collaborated with other NGOs at most of the major UN conferences of the past 4 years as well at the Special Sessions of the General Assembly and at CEDAW and CSW meetings.

About SWS:

Established in 1970, Sociologists for Women in Society is an international organization of social scientists -- students, faculty, practitioners, and researchers -- working together to improve the position of women within sociology and within society in general. Our membership in 2002 was 916. Our goals are: to promote and disseminate research about women on all issues; educate our sociological colleagues as well as the general public and government officials about the results and implications of research on women; and take political action to improve women's lives. Towards those ends, we established and publish the quarterly journal Gender and Society, the primary journal for high quality social science research on gender and publish a quarterly newsletter, Network News among other activities. We've also established an International Committee and a subcommittee on the UN to focus and facilitate our work at the UN. In the past four years, numerous articles in the journal and the newsletter as well as books written by our members have addressed the work of the UN as it relates to gender.

Participation in ECOSOC and UN Conferences

- Our representatives have attended and observed appropriate ECOSOC committee meetings and participated in the ECOSOC member-state meetings open to NGOs to contribute to the work of ECOSOC and its commissions.
- One of SWS's major commitments has been to the annual March meetings of the CSW in New York City. Our representatives have attended those every year since 1999 and worked in cooperation with UN agencies such as DAW and UNESCO and with other NGOs in the surrounding NGO activities.
- Our representatives serve on various (CONGO) NGO committees including the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, the NGO Committee on Mental Health and its Task Forces on Gender and the Elimination of Racism, the NGO Committee on Social Development, the subcommittee of the NGO Committee on Human Rights and the Committee on Disarmament, Peace, and Security.
- We have also participated in other NGO activities such as the Culture of Peace News Network, the Global Agenda for Older Persons (Older Women), and the NGO Coalition working with Children's Rights groups and the Committee on Teaching About the UN where we have organized and presented on issues at the UN for the annual January conferences in 2001, 2002, and 2003.

- We have also attended and observed the UN's Special General Assembly Session on the Millennium Goals, on Women, HIV/AIDS, and on Children. At these sessions, our representatives have reviewed national and international platforms for action; met with numerous other NGOs and planned coalition activities. Following the special session on HIV/AIDS we have continued to follow the outcome of that session regarding Women (of all ages) and AIDS. At the Beijing Plus Five follow-up, we were involved in the NGO Caucus on Education.
- At the World Conference on Racism we co-sponsored (with the Desmond Tutu Center, the Negro Business and Professional Women's Association, and the International Federation of Settlement Houses) a workshop which our representative to Durban co- facilitated. The workshop at the NGO Forum was titled: "Autobiographical Research and Community Responses." We sent a representative to the World Assembly on Aging and are members of the Subcommittee on Older Women of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women.
- Our representatives have attended the open member state meetings on the role of NGO's and the follow-up of major UN conferences. Our representatives observed some of the open sessions of the Security Council regarding Iraq and attended the excellent DPI briefing on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, as well as the DPI briefing on the UN Day on the Elimination of Racism, organized by the NGO Committee on Human Rights, on which our representative serves.

Given our research backgrounds, we have attended sessions of the statistical Commission and UNIFEM on social indicators since the quality of the data the UN collects has direct bearing upon our research. We intend to be further engaged in this endeavor and to make our memberships' expertise around gender research available to the relevant UN bodies.

Cooperation with UN Bodies and Specialized Agencies

- We have worked with UNICEF and the NGO coalition in support of children's rights, the girl child, education and children's participation, and media. Our representative has coordinated research effort for a book on "Human Rights and Media" to include child labor issues, as well as children/women's rights and worked with colleagues at the ILO around this.
- We have also worked with NYC staff of the Commission on Human Rights in conjunction with the establishment of a NGO subcommittee on Human Rights. We have included the UNESCO staff in activities we helped catalyze related to education for women of all ages in general and higher education in particular.

Other Relevant Activities

- One of our representative has undertaken field visits on UN/UNICEF, particularly to offices in Montreal and Toronto, Canada, the International Child Development Center/UNICEF, Innocenti Center, Florence, Italy; UNESO in Paris, France, and observed UN activities in Jerusalem and Bethlehem.
- Since WCAR, one of our representatives has participated in what is now a sub-committee on Human Rights, which is following up that conference and is monitoring the implementation of the UN Convention to Eliminate Racism in cooperation with relevant UN and national bodies.

3) Stree Aadhar Kendra (Women's Development Center)

Special consultative status granted in 1999

During the period from 1999-2002, SAK has been implementing the purpose and concepts related to various kinds of gender related issues, and it has been thoroughly involved with the current emerging women's issues from grassroots to global level. SAK works to provide equal status of women in society by implementing multi-dimensional strategies to tackle the various issues.

The organization participated actively in the following conferences:

- The 44th CSW 28th Feb- 17th March 2000 in New York; Beijing Plus Five special session " Women 2000: Gender, equality, development, peace for 21" century held at UN General Assembly from 1st-9th June 2000; Post Beijing Scenario in South Asia region third meeting held at Bandos Island in 2000 in collaboration with the Govt. of Maldives; South Asia Forum on Anti Trafficking Consultation in May 2002 at Nepal.
- In the year 2001, the SAK undertook a study into the "Legal Status of Women: in Maharashtra State, India with the support of National Commission of Women, India. The aim of the study was to assess the effectiveness of legal measures meant to provide justice to women and make an effort to identify probable gaps in implementation.

SAK's Main Activities between (1999-2002):

- Participation in decision-making processes (Strengthening local government): SAK began this project in 128 villages of Maharashtra State, India. The project was supported by Indo-German Social Service Society in the year 1999 - 2002. Through this project the village women elected representatives were trained and educated regarding their rights in the local self-governance body.
- Strengthening information resources & legal aid. Counseling services in combating violence against women: Oxfam- Australia- Community Aid Abroad supported this project from the year 2001. SAK had undertaken this project for the self-reliance of women against atrocities. The main objects of the project were to: establish a 24-hours help line for women; provide counseling and psychological support, offer education about the law, and to organize women conferences and training.
- Promoting On a pilot basis- Areas of Zero Tolerance to violence against women: The main concept of this project was to enable social environment to combat violence against women and tackling the issue of trafficking of women and girls in the 2 city of Maharashtra State of India. This project was sanctioned in the year 2000 with the support of UNIFEM-SARO. In all a population of 20,000 (4,000 families) was covered in the pilot project. SAK has managed to develop a protocol for NGO's to adopt institutionally while dealing with the issues. Under another project in the year 2002 with the help of UNIFEM-SARO, organization was able to establish a counseling center in police stations itself in the 2 cities of India.
- Addressing; the issue of trafficking; of women: This project, undertaken with the help of UNIFEM, for the two years from 2001 aims at the rescue of girls or women being lured into the business of prostitution. SAK could save 29 cases of Juvenile girls, 45 cases in red light areas and 21 cases from Remand homes. In order to enlighten girls from different States, a guideline book is being prepared in Hindi, Marathi, English and Nepali. It would guide socially motivated individuals on how to act in the case of detection of such a crime.
- Empowering; women: This project has been implemented from the year 2001 with the support of the "Action Aid". A number of activities and awareness programmes are carried out, increasing interaction between the villagers, governmental agencies and the police dept. This programme covered 45 villages in 2 districts and the work of anti trafficking in slums of 2 blocks.

- Social rehabilitation Programme: This project has ignited the spark of power among the backward women (8) districts of Maharashtra State, India. The project has been operative since year 2001 and aims at empowerment of women, increase in their decision making capacity, training about police help and law and establishment of savings groups. The project is supported by Community Aid Abroad - Oxfam - Australia.

Other Activities

Strengthening of Women's groups; Increasing awareness amongst women elected to the (village) local governing body in the earthquake-affected regions; Disseminating information on women's policies to women's groups mainly in the rural areas; Raising women's issues at the village level to the policy level; Various meetings, conferences, seminars and rally organized for the awareness on the gender equality; Published many books for the guidance and information among various sections of society; Many articles published regularly in the Newspaper for the period of six month on the "Best practices in the NGO sector" in the local newspaper "Lokmat' and on the Empowerment of Women articles released in Delhi Sakes in the year 2000; and Percolating and contributing the details from macro to micro level and vice-versa.

Working at Wider-Networking Level:

In 1999- 2002: SAK was pushing hard to seek certain policy changes within purview of Maharashtra State in India. It campaigned and lobbied for the cause of women's issues, particularly women's state level policy. Currently, SAK is the State level forum for women's issues. The Chairperson of Organization elected as Member of Legislative Council of Maharashtra State in India, where she is actively involved to raise the issues related to women policy and the laws related to them. Our Organization actively participated in many international conferences and always percolated the various global issues from grassroots to government level. SAK has established strong linkages between the micro and macro processes, especially to address the issues of human rights, all forms of violence against women, trafficking. SAK hopes that by bringing the grassroots voice for women from India to UN, appropriate policies could be suggested to local national government in country.

4) Women's Union of Russia

Special consultative status granted in 1999

In 1999-2002 Women's Union of Russia continued working on implementation of its projects in 5 key areas of development which had been worked out by WUR in accordance with Beijing Declaration and Strategic Plan of Actions adopted by IV UN World Conference on Women. All of our activities pertain to the issues of: 'Social Security and Development"; "Democracy for All"; "Interests of the Family"; "Woman. Spiritual Values. Culture"; and "Earth is our Common House". In the area of Social Security and Development WUR's projects provide women increasing opportunities in the sphere of employment, professional training and re-training, rendering support to women in organization and managing of small enterprises, expansion of women's access to the earth, capital, new technologies. In the area of Democracy for all, WUR participates in election campaigns to the State Duma of Russian Federation and bodies of local self-government, educational activities, conducting of scientific-practical conferences, public expertise of active laws and of legal acts being at the stage of working out, work with mass media etc. In the area of the Interest of Families, WUR renders moral and material help to the most vulnerable members of society: widows, single aged people, family children's houses, student families having children, refugees and forced migrants, families of those who perished in armed conflicts. It also comprises support to a family, protection of motherhood and childhood, struggle against violence towards women and children. In the area of Women, Spiritual values, and Culture, WUR aims to preserve and increase spiritual values of Russian society, to help women, children and family to reveal themselves in creative work. WUR developments of wide contacts with foreign women's communities, participation in working out of international

standards of women's status, studying and using of foreign positive experience in order to contribute to the internal changes and strengthen the international stability, participation in joint international projects.

WUR strives to form in Russia the policy in the interests of women, family and children working in close contact with its representatives in Commission on Women at the Government of Russia, NGO Council at the Chairman of the State Duma, Expert Council on Social Issues at the Council of Federation, Ministry of Labour and Social Development of the RF, Trade Unions and other NGOs. WUR is the largest Russian women's organization that has its departments in 89, regions of Russian Federation. It also includes 7 member organizations, 2 of which have federal status.

Activities of The Women's Union of Russia in 1999-2002

1999

Conferences and Meetings: Meeting of women-directors of industrial establishments with the Major of Moscow Mr. J. Lujkov and authorities of Moscow Government; All-Russian meeting of women entrepreneurs with Vice Prime Minister of Russian Government Mr. J. Maslukov; All-Russian Conference "Peace on the Caucasus - Security in Russia"; Meeting of women of Tumen region "Women of the Region for Equal Rights and Equal Opportunities"; Preparation and carrying out of electoral campaign (within the All-Russian Public Political Movement "Women of Russia") on women's elections to the State Duma of Russian Federation.

Roundtables: Roundtable topics: "Social Protection of Women's and Children's Interests", "Women on the Threshold of XXI Century", "Women's Unemployment - Ways of Solving", "Employment and Woman", "Woman and Small Business", "NGOs Experience on Contributing to Employment", Women and Military Reform", Women in Regional and Local Governing Bodies" and others.

Projects: Legislative initiatives concerning working out of such long-term programs as "Industry of Children's Nourishment", "Safe Maternity", "Conception of Family Policy", "Protection of Moral Values", "Women of Karelia", "Rural Women", "Women for the Healthy Way of Life" and others.

2000

Conferences and Meetings: Interregional Conference of Far East women's organizations "Women's Issues in Russia. Women of Far East: Reality and Perspectives"; Methodical seminars for women: "New Landmarks", "My Image", "Self-employment - alternative to unemployment"; Meeting-seminar on women's employment together with RF Ministry of Labour and Social Development.; Interregional seminar "Raising Women's Competitiveness on Labour Market"; Regional seminars on the topics: "Women's Role in Municipal Self-governing", "Social-legal Help to Women. Prevention of Violence towards Women", "International Legal Basis of Equality of Men and Women: Analyses and Practice", "Women in XXI Century: Reality and Perspectives".

Roundtables: Roundtable topics: "NGO's Role in Solving Social Problems", "About the problems of Women Working in Agricultural Production", "Social Protection of Population: Reality and Perspectives", "Education in the Countryside"," , "Women and Elections: Results and Forecasts", , "Role of Political Parties and Movements in Promoting Women on Decision Making Level", "Issues of Defense of Women's Rights", and others.

Projects: Participation in International action of WIDF "Women against Poverty and Violence". Collection of signatures and sending them to the UN; signing of the Agreement with the Committee on Labour and Employment about joint realization of the program "For Surviving".

2001-Conferences and Meetings: Participation in international Conference "Equality of Men and Women in Conditions of Democracy" (China); Participation in International Conference "AIDS, Cancer and other Related Problems"; Seminars-consultations for women and their families "Psychology of Family Relations"; Participation in All-Russia Civil Forum; Interregional Conference "Health of a Woman - Health of the Nation" (Siberia Federal region); Interregional Conference "Women and Army" with participation of representatives from RF Ministry for Defense and Navy Headquarters (Central Federal region); Interregional Conference "Upraising of Women's

Competitiveness on the Labour Market" (Ural Federal region); Interregional Seminar " Local Self-governing and Role of Women's NGOs in Development of a Village" (North-East Federal region).

Roundtables: Roundtables topics: "Women and Business", "Healthy Person - Healthy Society", "Violence in a Family and Drugs Addiction" and others.

Projects: Participation in regional elections to local administrative bodies. School of women's leadership "Men and Women in Contemporary Society"; Regional competition "Woman - Director of the Year"; Participation in Deputies' Listening of Sverdlov region "Realization of Regional Social Programs in 2001 and Perspectives for 2002"; Realization together with the employment services of the program.

2002

Conferences and Meetings: 4th Meeting of rural women of Novosibirsk region "Social-Economical Condition of Rural Women"; Interregional Seminar "Problems and Perspectives of solving Homelessness, Destitution and Infringements of the Law among Under-aged Children by Executive Bodies together with Women's NGOs"; Participation in the International Conference "Russian Women in XXI Century: Equality of Men and Women"; Regional Conference "Woman and Employment"; Regional Conference "Gender adaptation on Labour Market"; International Conference "Women For Pure Planet".

Roundtables: Roundtable topics: "Women's Employment in XXI Century", "Women and Business", "Women on Decision Making Level", "Social Adaptation to New Economical Conditions" and others. "Public Political Movement "Women of Russia" and it's Future".

Projects: Participation in working out of regional aim program "On eradication of Poverty"; Radio marathon in support and development of the Action "Women against Poverty"; Participation in Exhibition "Women-entrepreneurs of Russia".

5) Union internationale des avocats

Special consultative status granted in 1971

The UIA, a non-governmental organization, was formed in 1927 in Belgium and continues to exist under the original Belgian charter. The UIA is both multi-cultural and multi-lingual. Approximately three hundred bars, bar associations and law societies based in more than one hundred countries throughout the world are Collective Members, and several thousand lawyers are individual members of the UIA.

The primary aims and purposes of the UIA include: To serve the interests of the people, lawyers, bars, bar associations and law societies which protect them; To promote the essential precepts of the work of the lawyer as the defender of the rights of citizens; To promote the development of jurisprudence in all fields of the law throughout the world; To take part in the activities of the UN and other international organizations; To establish at an international level permanent relations and exchanges between bar associations and law societies, and their members; To defend the interests of members of the legal profession; To study, develop, and improve the organization and administration of the legal profession.

ACTIVITIES OF THE UIA

The work of most of the Commissions and Working Groups of the UIA is directly related to activities of the UN. The UIA organizes and holds an annual Congress at different locations around the world. In addition, throughout the year the UIA organizes a number of forums, programs, seminars, and other events held in UN premises (both New York and Geneva) in collaboration with UN Officers. Between 1999-2002, two forums were organized including one on July 7, 2000 at the UN New York, and the other one held on January 23-25, 2002 in Geneva with UNHCR, ILO, WHO, WIPO & WTO.

UIA also holds annual congresses where there is a main theme that relates to important subjects that are UN-related, including human rights, business law, and the legal profession. During recent years, UN-related topics, including those related to ECOSOC and human rights and social topics were as listed immediately below.

1999: Legal Aspects of Electronic Commerce (including the participation of the Secretary general of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law-UNCITRAL);The role of international and domestic courts in the defence and protection of Human Rights; A new legal conscience born from the requirements of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the necessity to bring to trial those responsible for crimes against humanity: the International Criminal Court; The Indian and Asian Dimension of the United Nations Sales Convention

2000: Competing International Jurisdictions in the Field of International Crimes; Significance of the United Nations International Sales Convention; Children and the right to education: fighting against child's labour and prostitution; The Argentine dimension of the United Nations Sales Convention

2001: Impact of e-commerce on the International Sales Good Convention (CISG) - United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sales of Goods and competition law problem in distribution agreements in the context of the CISG; Children and Criminal Law (Session chaired by the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Arusha -- Speaker: the President of the United Nations Committee for Children's Rights)

2002: Conducting defence before International Criminal Jurisdictions; The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Model Law on International Arbitration: 15 years later; The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods: the sphere of application – the Australian, Chinese and Singaporean experiences; Migrations and Human Rights

During recent years, the UIA has been engaged in UN-related activities, including ECOSOC and human rights and social activities, throughout the world. A list of some of such activities is set forth immediately below.

1999 Mission to the International Criminal Tribunal of The Hague and of Arusha. Mission to Rwanda.

2001 Mission in Pristina for the reconstruction of the bar of Kosovo/ Serbia and Montenegro (joint project with Avocats sans Frontières and the Paris Bar Association)

2001 Mission in Timor Leste with the International Legal Assistance Consortium (ILAC) for the reconstruction of the legal system

2002 Mission in Sarajevo for the reconstruction of the judicial system in Bosnia-Herzegovina (joint project with Avocats sans Frontières)

UIA has attended various UN conferences between 1999-2002, including:

- In 1999, the UIA attended the Seventh Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development [CSD], as well as the preceding Intersessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Consumption and Production Patterns and Tourism.
- In 2000, the UIA was a participant in the Eighth Session of the CSD and the preceding intersessionals.
- In 2001, the UIA participated in the Ninth Session of the CSD and all preceding Ad Hoc Working Groups.
- In 2002, the UIA was a participant at all preparatory sessions (including Bali) for the WSSD and at the WSSD in Johannesburg.
- In 2000, these included the Special High Level Meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods Institutions
- In 2001 the Third UN Conferences on Least Developed Countries in Brussels, and the preceding Second and Third Preparatory Sessions in New York.
- 1999-2002, UIA attended all sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women [CSW].

- 2001- World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban, South Africa.
- In 2001, the UIA attended as well the sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on Children.
- 1999- participated in the Centennial of the First International Peace Conference in The Hague,
- 2001-2002, Fifth and Sixth Sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly Resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996.
- 2002- The UIA attended the February session of the Ad Hoc Committee on an International Convention against the Reproductive Cloning of Human Beings.
- UIA is also a member of the Advisory Panels of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.
- 1999-2002, the UIA attended all sessions of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court, as well as the First Session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.